



TRURO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

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Dear Community Residents, The following issues have been discussed since the last newsletter in April 2007.

- 1. Moorundie Street.** The main street has had a significant change in the past months. The major works done so far have been the resurfacing of the road, undergrounding of the power lines and erection of new street lights on the eastern half of the street. In 2002 the Mid Murray Council engaged Franek Savarton and Associates, Landscape Architects to inspect and draw up plans for the beautification of Moorundie Street, As a part of the plan the undergrounding of powerlines was suggested as no large scale beautification could be accomplished with trees and shrubs while the power lines were overhead, The safety factor of the street, being part of the Sturt Highway was a substantial reason why the undergrounding should take place. Negotiations between Council, the Power Lines Environmental Committee (PLEC) and the Government have seen stage one of the project completed within 5 years of the original proposal. Council have approved stage two to be completed by this time next year.
The open aspect of Eastern portion of the street has not been seen since Truro was connected to the electricity in 1951.
The beautification scheme will commence when there are sufficient funds set aside by Council to enable Grant funding to be sought from both state and Federal Governments. At this stage \$40,000 has been set aside towards the project.
- 2. Pioneer Park.** A draft plan has been drawn and presented to the Section 41 Streetscape sub-committee of Council by CEO Dean Gollan. At present an application is being written for grant funding to enable professional drawings to be drawn for the area. When this is completed a further application for grant funding can be applied for to enable works to commence.
Discussion has been held about amalgamating the area with Heroes Park and the whole area to be known by that name, but still recognising the explorers and pioneers of this area. There are few towns which have such a large area of space in the centre of the town to develop into an ideal tourist stop over/picnic site. Prior to the rain at the end of April the Council were able to remove the rubbish out of the lake area.
- 3. Integrated Water Management Plan.** In the April newsletter a report was written about the address given by Mr Wayne Phillips of Wayne Phillips & Associates at the February Board meeting. As part of the strategy to deal with flood water in the town \$30,000 has been set aside by the Council to employ a consultant to draw up plans for the work.
- 4. Rose Planting.** Over 100 roses were planted along the Cemetery fence on Saturday 7th July. The volunteers led by Rosy Sherwood are thanked for planting and caring for them to beautify this section of the Cemetery. They were purchased from the \$500 made available by Council.
- 5. Welcome to Truro Signs.** New welcome to Truro signs are being proposed to replace the brown wooden signs erected many years ago. Only the sign at the eastern end of the town remains. It is proposed that the new signs will have the town logo, establishment date, average rainfall and height above sea level. They will not replace the large Council 'Pelican' signs.
- 6. KESAB Visit.** Mr Ross Swayne visited Truro on May 30th and he commented on the progress of the undergrounding of the power lines, the good appearance of Heroes Park and the number of improved gardens and properties in Truro and Barton.
- 7. Truro Web Site.**
Truro has the opportunity to set up a community web site through a government sponsored program that reserves certain domain names for community use. A number of towns and cities throughout Australia have already set up community sites.
Benefits from a well organized and well presented web site could be considerable for local merchants, organizations and the community at large. Chris Fox, Truro and Districts Community Association assistant secretary, has gone through training on two comparable web site maintenance systems. He will make a short demonstration at the AGM, and will soon be undertaking a survey of community interest. The Association is seeking input from anyone who is interested in helping out with a local web site. Please contact Chris Fox: ph 8564 0425 mob/sms 0437 194 437 email layfox@bigpond.com
- 8. Broadband.** In the last month Amcom Communications have placed on their web site links to the application forms for the supply of Broadband. <http://www.amcom.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=62> It is hoped that a person from Amcom will be able to speak at a future board meeting.

9. **CFS.** Mr Jim Mitchell, Angaston CFS Group Officer spoke at the June Board Meeting regarding the situation at the Truro CFS station, in getting sufficient crew together in an emergency. This is due to a lack of interest especially of young farmers and shift workers. The CFS has much to offer young people who are given training for emergency situations, radio room equipment, pumps and vehicles. The CFS publicised the need through the Open Day held on the 24th of June and it was suggested that they should also make a presentation at the School. A CFS farm unit night was also suggested. A number of local people have been recruited in recent years including a ladies team, but more volunteers are needed to get all the vehicles out to an emergency without having to wait for volunteers from Nuriootpa or Angaston brigades to arrive.
If you are interested in helping your local community please contact the CFS for more information.
10. **Sand Bags.** A recent request to Council for 500 sand bags was granted. They will be stored at the CFS station. A heap of sand will be delivered so bags can be filled in case of emergency.
11. **School Bus Shelter.** Since the bus stop at the school was repositioned at the Esplanade there is a need for a Bus Shelter for High School students particularly in winter time. The Board is considering the purchase of the materials and erecting a shelter as a Community project providing Council approval and ownership is received.
12. **Lease Agreement with Council.** Representatives of the Board, Oval and Town Hall sub-committees have amended the current Lease Agreement to more adequately reflect the needs of the community. This amended agreement will be presented to Council representatives that will start the process of renegotiation.
13. **Maintenance Grants.** The annual grants by Council to the Association for the Hall and Oval maintenance have been increased by 10%. These grants are used for painting, electricity, mowing and fertilizing the oval, window cleaning and sundry repairs and maintenance. The Council are thanked for their contribution of \$8,690.00. Without this help these two, local Council owned facilities would not be able to function.
14. **Heating/Cooling Town Hall Supper Room.** The Council have granted \$1000.00 towards the cost of installing heating/cooling of the Supper room. The remainder of the cost will be paid from a donation from the Red Cross and Town Hall funds. Heating of the main Hall has been discussed but is not a top priority as the hall isn't used often enough to warrant the expense at this time.
15. **Historic Pine Hut, Dutton and Sandleton Signs.** Eleven metal photo signs are to be produced; nine are to be placed in Dutton with one at Pine Hut School/Church site and one at the former St Paul's Lutheran Church at Sandleton. In the Cemetery of this Church, Daniel Lemke (1832-1897) is buried. He is renowned as one of South Australia's leading reed organ builders of the 19th century. The artwork for these signs is currently being prepared.
16. **Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 31st July at 7.30pm in the Oval Hall.**
Residents are reminded of the Annual General Meeting of the Association. As there are a number of major projects that are proposed and 'on the drawing board' we decided to invite the Mid Murray CEO Mr Dean Gollan to address the meeting on local issues. Local resident Chris Fox will also address and illustrate the concept of a web site for Truro. We encourage you to attend the AGM.
Six members are retiring; two have indicated they are seeking re-election. Please seek election or nominate someone to fill these important positions on the District Board.
We thank the retiring members, Tanya Doecke, Graham Materna, Robert Sherwood and Andrew Young for their interest and commitment to the board
17. **Residents Issues.** If you have an issue please discuss the matter with a Board Member. Residents may receive permission from the Chairman to address the Board at a Board Meeting, or they can raise the issue by letter. Any resident wishing to become a member of the Association should contact the Secretary for details.
18. **Notice Board.** After each Board meeting a copy of confirmed minutes of the previous meeting are placed on the Notice Board of the Post Office for your information.

Current Board Members

Ross Dawkins (Chairman)	8564 0057	Reg Munchenberg (Secretary)	8564 0344
Chris Brook (Vice Chairman)	8564 0038	Kristin Falkenberg (Treasurer)	8564 0232
Michael Anderson	8564 0209	Andrew Young	8564 0213
Tanya Doecke	8564 0041	Graham Materna	8564 0286
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